



**Town of Hermon**

**Public Safety Meeting Room**

**November 16, 2017**

**Town Council Meeting**

**7:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

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\*\*\*ALL ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATE COUNCIL ACTION\*\*\*

**I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON**

Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Thomas led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Steve Thomas, Doug Sinclair, Jeanne Jacques, John Snyder, Steve Watson and Donna Ellis

**Members Absent:** Timothy McCluskey

**Others Present:** Senator Geoff Gratwick and Economic Community Development Director Scott Perkins

**IV. REVIEW CONSENT CALENDAR: REGULAR BUSINESS, APPOINTMENTS, SIGNATURES, And APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

None

**V. NEWS, PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

None

**VI. PUBLIC ITEMS OR COMMENTS (*Items Not Already on Agenda*)**

**Senator G. Gratwick informed** the Council that the Legislature has been active but quiet. There a number of issues being worked out such as marijuana. It is legal but you cannot sell it; this is a constant work in progress. The opiate task force is also a critical issue addressing a very sad tragic epidemic in



our State. Chair Thomas asked the Senator about Daylight Savings Time and is it something we really need. Gratwick told how there has been dialogue about DST in Augusta but the consensus is that it will not change or go away until Massachusetts and New Hampshire do the same.

## **VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

## **VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

## **IX. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS**

### **A. OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **B. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **#1. Consider authorizing an expenditure from the Sewer Maintenance Reserve.**

Manager Kroll told how \$18,325.62 is needed to rebuild the Odlin Road Pump Station. It is near failure and to act proactively rather than reactively is essential in this case. We are working in cooperation with the City of Bangor. We cannot let this pump station break down; if it does the result will be critical.

**Councilor Jacques moved to approve FR17-18-38. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

*The motion carries.*

**\*(FR17-18-38 is attached for review.)**

#### **#2. Consider authorization of an expenditure from the Highway Reserve Account.**

The Manager informed the Council that work was done repairing the damage caused by the Mobile Home Delivery Company at the Odlin Rd/Coldbrook Rd. intersection. In response to Chair Thomas, Manager Kroll explained that we have filed an insurance claim and expect to be reimbursed for the damage done to this vital piece of infrastructure. The work however has been completed by Hartt Electric and we need to pay the \$1,500.00 bill.

**Councilor Jacques moved to approve FR17-18-39. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

*The motion carries.*

**\*(FR17-18-39 is attached for review.)**



### C. WORKSHOPS

None

**Councilor Jacques moved to consider items in the Table Packet. Councilor Watson seconded the motion. The motion was accepted without doubt.**

*The motion carries.*

### D. OTHER ITEMS (from Table Package)

#### **#3. Consider authorizing and expenditure from the Public Works Reserve Account.**

Monies to repair the Public Works truck were approved at the Annual Town Meeting as part of the Capital Improvement Project. Councilor Sinclair asked if this work was put out to bid or if we just automatically go to H. O. Bouchard's. Scott Perkins told how we have not put this type of work out to bid in a long time. The Manager affirmed that we have not done so since he has been here. Sinclair stated that he did not disagree with Bouchard's doing the work but that in the future he would like to see more prices.

**Councilor Jacques moved to approve FR17-18-40. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

*The motion carries.*

*\*(FR17-18-40 is attached for review.)*

### X. APPOINTMENTS

None

### XI. MANAGER STATUS REPORT:

**Thank you** Council for approving Highway Reserve Funds for tree removal. Cleaning up storm debris has been overwhelming. The amount of gratitude we have received from residents is amazing. The work performed by our Public Works Department alongside Pomeroy Logging and Gardner Construction has been well received and has made a significant difference for the majority of our community. We have applied for emergency fund reimbursement for this work.

**Happy Thanksgiving** to all. I would like to ask the Council if they would consider closing the office early on Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Councilor Sinclair suggested closing the Town Office at 2:00pm. The remaining Councilor agreed.

### XII. FINAL PUBLIC ITEMS OR COMMENT (*Items Not Already on Agenda*)



None

**XIII. COUNCIL ITEMS:**

**Councilor Jacques** asked where her tax bill is. The Manager stated that it is at Snowman Printing right now. She then inquired about S. Miller, former Deputy Clerk asking where she is working now. Manager Kroll explained that she now works ½ time in the School Department Office and ½ time for the Finance Department. We hired a replacement Deputy Clerk for the front office. Councilor Jacques asked if any of the wood that has been collected is good for burning and if there are residents in need of fire wood. A brief conversation ensued, the Council concurred it is better to just dispose of it.

**Councilor Thomas** asked if Rachel had reviewed any of the school construction invoices. Manager Kroll said she had and told how general conditions of the contract include water and toilets. He also explained that items marked as exempt are items that will actually forever be part of the building. Additionally, tool purchases and use are also part of the general conditions of the contract. The Manager then stated that he would invite Dunbar & Brawn to speak to the Council at the next regular meeting.

**XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None

**XV. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Councilor Jacques** moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:29pm. **Councilor Snyer** seconded the motion. **With no objection, Chair Thomas adjourned the meeting.**

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Ruth A. Nickerson, CCM  
Town Clerk**